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B.C. to carry projected $3B deficit

FINANCES British Columbia will carry deficits for four years, the province's finance minister said on Thursday.

Colin Hansen said legislation will be introduced next week to make it legal — a change from the May 12 election campaign when the Liberals said the province would carry a deficit for two years only and it wouldn't be more than $495 million.

The new deficit is projected at $3 billion.

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Police come to rescue of skunk in distress

SURREY Sometimes police work really stinks.

RCMP were called by a group of Surrey residents at about 1 a.m. on Thursday to help a skunk that got its head caught inside a plastic cup and looked to be having breathing problems.

A Mountie was able to dislodge the object and the uninjured animal ran into nearby bushes.

The RCMP said the incident is a reminder to properly discard garbage and recyclables.

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PNE Play time at Playland

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Children enjoy a ride at Playland on Wednesday. The 99th annual Fair at the PNE begins Saturday at Hastings Park in East Vancouver. More coverage, page 2.

Murder suspect on lam in B.C.?

Canadian charged in California with killing of model ex-wife

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A Canadian man has been charged with the murder of his model ex-wife in Los Angeles, and police say he may have snuck into B.C. through Delta to evade American authorities.

Former reality TV contestant and Calgary native Ryan Jenkins, 32, has been charged with murder after 28-year-old Jasmine Fiore was found stuffed into a suitcase in a dumpster.

Ryan Jenkins

Jasmine Fiore

Jenkins had initially been considered a person of interest after reporting Fiore missing on Saturday and then disappearing when her body was found.

On Thursday afternoon, the Orange County District Attorney charged Jenkins with murder.

Earlier that day, the sheriff's office in Bellingham said Jenkins' BMW and an empty boat trailer were found at a marina in Blaine, Wash.

A man matching the suspect's description was also reportedly seen arriving by boat at Point Roberts, where he may have walked across the border into Tsawwassen.

"It is not confirmed that he has in fact entered Canada, but if he has it was not through legitimate means," said Delta police Const. Sharlene Brooks.

"The Federal RCMP Border Integrity Unit has assumed care and control of the investigation regarding (Jenkins)," Brooks said.

Jenkins, a wealthy real estate agent from Calgary, was a contestant on the VH1 reality TV show Megan Wants A Millionaire.

He and Fiore were married in March, several days after meeting in Las Vegas. Their marriage was annulled a few months later.

Jenkins has twice faced criminal charges stemming from alleged violence against women, once involving Fiore and another involving a former girlfriend in Calgary.

Calgary native

- Ryan Jenkins' father, Dan Jenkins, owns Alberta-based residential architecture and design company Jenkins and Associates.
- Dan Jenkins holds a degree in architecture from the University of B.C.

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Foreign-trained doctors decreasing: Study
The proportion of foreign-trained doctors in B.C. was 28 per cent in 2007, down from 38 per cent in the 1970s, according to a study released Friday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information. Most originate from South Africa and the United States and end up practising in rural settings. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Star spotted shopping downtown

Twilight star Dakota Fanning, left, was spotted shopping in an upscale boutique in downtown Vancouver on Thursday. Fanning, who was with her mother, reportedly picked up a pair of sunglasses, a headband and a belt at Bluebird on Alberni Street.
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News in brief

RECOVERY The body of a 26-year-old Korean student has been recovered from Lost Lake in Whistler. The man was reported missing on Wednesday after disappearing while he was swimming with friends.

FEES The Non-Partisan Association is looking to drop its membership fee to $10 per year from $20. The municipal party, which saw the election of one candidate only in the last election after dominating city council, will vote on the issue at its October annual general meeting.

FALSE ALARM A suspicious package that turned out to be a false alarm caused police to evacuate Marlborough Elementary School in Burnaby. Officials initially feared it was a bomb.

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Tamara's right at home with Regis

Local weather broadcaster fills in for Kelly Ripa on popular American morning show

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Tamara Taggart said co-hosting Live! With Regis and Kelly was like being a bride on her wedding day — it went by in a blur that she said she can barely remember.

The Vancouver weather broadcaster won the chance to shoot one episode with Regis Philbin — which airs on Friday morning — in place of usual co-host Kelly Ripa.

"It's funny, I can't really remember what happened," Taggart told Metro Vancouver by phone from New York. "It just whizzed by and my husband said, 'It was so slow from the audience.'"

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Tamara Taggart, right, and Regis Philbin on the set of Live! With Regis And Kelly.

Taggart said the show's staff and guests — including Renee Zellweger and Geraldo Rivera — made her feel at home.

"Renee Zellweger was incredible. She was so genuinely kind and nice," Taggart said. "Geraldo is a journalist, so he's used to commanding his own show and it was much harder for me to get in there."

But the most memorable experience, she said, was in the moments leading up to walking on stage.

"Regis came to my dressing room and said, 'Alright Tamara Taggart from Vancouver, are you ready for this?' He grabbed my hand and we walked down the hall to ... this big silver door that opens (to the set).

"There I was, holding Regis' hand and that door swung open and we walked through it," Taggart said. "In those minutes before the door opened, I thought, 'Wow, this is really happening.'"

Police planting bait cars around fair area

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CRIME Police are blanketing the area around the PNE with undercover officers and a fleet of bait cars to curb vandalism and auto theft during the fair, the RCMP said yesterday.

"(We're) working very closely with the Vancouver Police Department to curb auto crime," said Sgt. Gord Elias with the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT).

Police started planting bait cars around the PNE in 2007, after 31 cars were broken into and 26 were stolen during the 2006 fair season. That number dropped to five break-ins and five vehicle thefts each year in 2007 and 2008.

Body of crashed firefighter pilot recovered

FOUND Police have found the body of a pilot whose helicopter crashed into the Fraser River while fighting a forest fire near Lytton.

Robert Woodhead, 53, who's originally from Stoney Creek, near London, Ont., crashed his Bell 212 on Aug. 14.

The helicopter was scooping up water to be dropped on a nearby wildfire.

Witnesses said they saw the victim surface after his chopper plunged into the water, but all search crews were able to find at the time was his helmet.

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PNE ready for 99th year

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FUN Pushing a century, the annual Fair at the PNE promises to be bigger, louder and more exciting than ever when it opens Saturday.

The 99th edition features $6-million in entertainment, the most ever, said Laura Ballance, spokeswoman for the annual summer fair.

"This year is really about kickstarting our centenary celebration in 2010," Ballance said. "And as such, we've started developing the entertainment program and building on the excitement."

There will be more than 700 shows that are all free with admission.

Admission info

- The annual Fair at the PNE opens Saturday at Hastings Park in East Vancouver. Opening-day admission is free from 9 a.m. to noon.
- For information and a list of shows visit pne.ca

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Wakeboarders to compete at Kitsilano pool

The Kitsilano Outdoor Swimming Pool is playing host to a wakeboard competition sponsored by energy drink Red Bull on Friday. Ten wakeboarders will showcase their skills and tricks at Canada's largest salt-water outdoor pool. METRO VANCOUVER

Airport workers vote in favour of strike action

YVR More than 325 workers voted in favour of strike action at Vancouver International Airport, their union announced on Thursday.

They provide a variety of services, ranging from emergency response to baggage handling and runway maintenance.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada said a labour disruption that would cause delays at YVR is possible.

"Our first two days of meeting with the conciliation officer proved to be an exercise in futility and our members have no choice but to take this next step," said Kay Sinclair, the union's regional vice-president for B.C.

She said YVR made a $31-million profit in the first six months of 2009 but offered employees a wage increase that is lower than those offered by other Canadian airports.

The workers have been without a contract since the end of 2008.

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Cab boss disputes rival's claim

WAITING The managing administrator of Yellow Cab is disputing the claim that drivers have been waiting "two to three hours" for a fare at the airport made by Saif Ullah, general manager of rival MacLure's Cabs.

John Palis said on Thursday the full effect of the Canada Line on airport cabbies can't be measured until after Labour Day.

Ullah said that at a Thursday meeting of the 16 cab companies, other taxi managers shared his concerns. METRO VANCOUVER

'Homes away from home'

Whistler Olympic Village built to give athletes somewhere to unwind

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

In an age dominated by social networking sites, it's not surprising that one of the most common requests from Olympic athletes was an Internet connection.

And they got it, say the developers of the athletes' village in Whistler, who held a media tour on Thursday.

The Olympic and Paralympic Village Whistler includes duplexes, apartments and townhomes sprawled across 40 hectares in the Cheakamus Valley, about six kilometres south of Whistler.

During the Games, the tall, angular buildings with big windows will house about 2,850 Olympic and 1,000 Paralympic athletes, officials and coaches.

"This incredible village will be home to the greatest athletes in the world," said acting mayor Chris Quinlan. "We may very well house the fastest bobsleigh, luge, skeleton or downhill skier here."

Athletes' rooms are 12 square metres, and two athletes will stay in each room. There are currently no kitchens or major appliances in any of the residences — presently in "Olympic mode" — as athletes will dine together in a communal dining hall.

In addition to Internet access, Nejat Sarp, VANOC vice-president of services and villages, said comfort, privacy and a place to socialize were the most common requests from athletes.

"In very simple terms, we're trying to create homes away from home for them," he said.

Construction of the site is about 95 per cent complete and the official handover to VANOC is expected to take place in early November.

ANDREA WOO/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Gary Lunn, minister of state for sport and MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands, chats with Eric Martin, chairman of the Whistler 2020 Development Corp., at the athletes' village in Whistler on Thursday.

The Village

- The Village includes fitness centres, recreational rooms, hair salons and dental offices.
- After the Olympics, it will become Cheakamus Crossing. The athletes' accommodations will be renovated to include stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors and gas fireplaces.

When Games end, some homes set to sell for $850,000, others will be affordable housing

RENOVATE When the curtains close on the 2010 Games, many of the residences built to temporarily accommodate the nearly 4,000 athletes and team officials in Whistler will be renovated to become both affordable and luxury housing.

"(Sustainability) is not just the 'green' part, it's the social part — housing families," said Eric Martin, chairman of the Whistler 2020 Development Corp.

The 20 three-bedroom townhomes in Whistler's Olympic and Paralympic Village, for instance, are currently bare-bones buildings that lack appliances and serve as little more than a place to sleep. After the Games, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances and gas fireplaces will be installed, upping the market value to roughly $850,000.

On the other hand, 80 units of modular housing — which currently look like school portables with small bedrooms inside — will be transformed into affordable housing for the homeless and drug or alcohol addicted.

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FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

ROBBERY Police are asking for the public's help tracking down a stolen car and several pieces of Chinese art taken from a Richmond home. RCMP say four men forced their way into the residence Aug. 17. The victim sustained minor injuries.

ARREST A 26-year-old robbery suspect was taken down by police in a Coquitlam grocery store in what witnesses described as a scene out of a movie. The suspect allegedly held up a pharmacy, then headed to the supermarket next door, where police chased him down an aisle and arrested him.

POT Two Langley men were arrested in Washington State after officers found 132 pounds of B.C. Bud — a potent marijuana valued at $430,000 — on their boat, the U.S. coast guard said on Thursday. Raymond Kuemper, 45, and Danny Menard, 42, face various charges.

BORDER The new $45-million Peace Arch Customs facility officially opened on Thursday, news1130.com reports. The 10-gate facility replaces the old seven-gate structure. More than two million vehicles use the northbound crossing every year.

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Judge rules former stripper's gifts can't be taxed

A Tax Court of Canada judge has ruled the Canada Revenue Agency can't collect income tax bills for $400,000 and $643,000 from a former Montreal stripper who received $1.3 million in cash and two cars, a bar, a home, furs and jewels — a total value of $2 million — from a businessman, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Office owner finds decades-old mail

As the new owner of an old post office, Stirling, Ont., resident Rosanna Clark found herself helping to deliver 68-year-old mail. She found nine pieces of undelivered mail earlier this summer while renovating her new office, including a letter dating back to 1941. The letters have since been sent to Canada Post's undeliverable mail office in Toronto. Workers there will open the sealed envelopes and continue the search for new addresses for the recipients. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PM vows better times for Arctic residents

NUNAVUT As Canada asserts sovereignty claims in the Arctic, it must also do a better job of ensuring the region's residents share in its resources, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Harper made his comments in the coastal hamlet of Pangnirtung on Baffin Island in Nunavut, as he continued his tour of Canada's Far North.

Many residents of the Arctic, where a large portion of the population is aboriginal, say they have too often been left behind in the rush to exploit the natural resources beneath their feet.

"We are very concerned that as development occurs here in the territory, local people don't just share in the wealth generated from the development, but that they (also) share in the development itself," Harper said.

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

A young Inuk girl cries during a speech by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Pangnirtung, Nunavut, Thursday.

He outlined Ottawa's plan to spend $17 million to improve the local harbour for fishermen.

The nearby waters are rich in turbot and arctic char, but the lack of a good dock forces fishermen to wait until high tide to unload their catches, a process that can force them to remain on the water in small boats in bad weather. REUTERS

From no call to no tell

CRTC won't disclose identities of list violators

The CRTC is to hold secret talks next week to determine whether three unidentified telemarketers knowingly violated the national do-not-call list, the Toronto Star has learned.

The agency has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure you don't know who the telemarketers are and what they did. They won't even let you know when exactly the three CRTC commissioners handling the matter are going to talk to each other by phone.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission took the step of striking the panel after the telemarketers refused to pay undisclosed fines.

Fines

- Companies violating the do-not-call list can be fined up to $15,000 per call, and individuals can be fined up to $1,500.

A CRTC spokesperson said if the three commissioners, Timothy Denton, Louise Poirier and Michel Arpin, determine the telemarketers have violated the almost year-old rules, only then will their names be published along with the fine on the CRTC website.

The no-call list law was introduced in September 2008 to protect consumers from being bothered by telemarketers.

Some seven million telephone numbers have been registered on the do-not-call list.

Queen's University law Prof. Art Cockfield said Thursday the CRTC should be shaming telemarketers, not going to great lengths to protect their identity.

Besides refusing to name telemarketers, the CRTC went as far as tell the Toronto Star "there are no documents" relating to offending telemarketers, even though it has issued a total of seven telemarketers with violation notices and confirmed that hundreds of others were under investigation.

"Disclosing the identity of the telemarketing company would act as a significant deterrent, the so-called shaming factor," said Cockfield.

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The Beginning

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Diversification

In order to fulfill demands for this popular beverage, Tao Ti has developed many teas in different flavours - including Apple, Honey and Lemon. Adding fruit juice and floral flavours to their green teas provides more choices to consumers.

Following the popularity of Tao Ti in Hong Kong, the manufacturers have decided to bring the refreshing and healthy alternative to Canada. With Tao Ti currently being sold at retailers in Toronto and Vancouver, Canadians can now enjoy this refreshing, great-tasting beverage, without the worry of consuming "excess baggage" of unhealthy ingredients.

Quality

Today, scientific research is providing hard evidence for the health benefits long associated with drinking green tea. For example, the antioxidants in green tea may prevent and reduce the severity of rheumatoid arthritis and in 1994 the Journal of the National Cancer Institute published the results of an epidemiological study indicating that drinking green tea reduced the risk of esophageal cancer in Chinese men and women by nearly sixty per cent.

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Tao Ti International

Tao Ti has developed their international markets in recent years. A strong Asian presence in Canada and Australia help to maintain their brand image of healthy lifestyles overseas. Tao Ti aims to provide world consumers with green tea beverages that are refreshing, healthy and different from their regular beverages. For more information, visit www.taoti.ca.

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Federal Court judges' ages called into question

At least 12 cases have been adjourned after the ages of six Federal Court deputy judges were questioned, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A tree was uprooted in York Region, north of Toronto, by a powerful storm on Thursday evening. At least four tornadoes reportedly touched down in the region, killing at least one.

Storms batter Ontario

Tornadoes kill 1, knock out power to thousands

Close to 69,000 Ontario residents were left without power after a series of destructive thunderstorms and several tornadoes ripped through southwestern Ontario Thursday night.

Over half of these residents are in the area of Owen Sound and Walkerton, which is just north of Durham, Ont., where a tornado was spotted.

The OPP have confirmed there is at least one fatality after strong winds and storms blasted through the town of Durham, 50 kilometres south of Owen Sound, this afternoon. Residents said a shed collapsed in a conservation park in the north end of town, killing a person inside.

Another 6,000 people in cottage country near Georgian Bay and in Muskoka were left in the dark, said Hydro One representative Daniele Gauvin. The numbers do not include homes and businesses in the York region, which was battered by high winds.

In Toronto, subway service was suspended in parts of the city due to power outages. There were also multiple pockets of power outages throughout the city and downtown.

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Air Canada hooks up iPhones

TECHNOLOGY If Air Canada has its way, it soon will see fewer travellers lined up at the airport, clutching printouts of their boarding passes, in addition to suitcases and carry-on luggage.

The country's largest airline yesterday introduced an application for Apple's iPhone and iPod Touch devices that lets travellers retrieve electronic boarding passes, track flight data and receive notifications about delayed and cancelled flights.

An application designed for BlackBerry devices is also in the works, said Patrice Ouellette, director of customer service platforms.

Ouellette said web check-in is increasingly popular, but only a fraction of passengers check in with mobile devices to have an electronic boarding pass emailed to them.

The problem now is those emailed barcodes can get lost in a mountain of other correspondence; the iPhone and iPod application, by contrast, consolidates all of Air Canada's flight data in one place.

Also, the airline is expanding programs that allow passengers to print baggage tags from airport kiosks.

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Reduced costs?

- Do-it-yourself approaches like electionic boarding passes could eventually lead to reduced costs for Air Canada flights.

Making photos more accurate

PASSPORTS Photographs can help clear controversies, but they can also lead to terrible mix-ups — as in the case of Suaad Hagi Mohamud.

But if you are David Corley, you can take a photograph and a bit of ingenuity, and come up with a prototype that can match a person's facial dimensions, profile, even skin type. No confusion, no second-guessing.

"It's simple, handy and way more helpful in identification than the traditional form of ID," said Corley. "And it could be used not just for passports, but any kind of ID."

Corley, owner of DSC Laboratories in Mississauga, Ont., a small company that specializes in image analysis and product testing systems to make photographs clearer and better-looking, created and patented the triple-image ID system called CamAlign last year.

The proposed ID system combines a frontal photograph and two mirror side profiles. Corley says mirrors significantly improve facial detail and give depth to the image, helping in quick recognition.

He estimates a single CamAlign may cost "a couple of hundred dollars. But that's not too much to make passports safe."

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News in brief

POLL The Conservatives are still slightly ahead in public opinion polls over the Liberals, but would have no clear chance of victory if an election were held now, according to a weekly survey released Thursday. The Ekos poll for the CBC put the Conservatives at 32.8 per cent support, up from 32.7 per cent last week. The Liberals were at 30.2 per cent, down from 31.0 per cent.

WEATHER Hurricane Bill weakened slightly Thursday, but was expected to regain power on a northwest ocean track that is expected to take it between Bermuda and the U.S. East Coast before possibly hitting Nova Scotia on Sunday.

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NEW IMMIGRANTS AND SCOTIABANK CUSTOMERS

Take Sushma and Baskar Rao. The software engineer and her chartered accountant husband landed in Canada on January 16 this year, and the very next day they applied for SIN cards and credit cards. Having activated their Canadian banking account while still in Bangalore (India), they were also able to transfer their funds to Canada with great ease – something that was not possible before Scotiabank launched the *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program for newcomers to Canada.

Baskar was one of the first applicants in India to take advantage of the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program. "We had an account with Scotiabank in Canada within a week of applying in India, and within two or three weeks, we had remitted funds to Canada," he says.

"The credit goes to my brother," says Baskar, 34. "He told me to check out the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program for newcomers that Scotiabank offers through its branches and in partnership with HDFC Bank in India."

Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank, says Canada receives approximately 250,000 new immigrants a year. She adds "While a very significant proportion of these are from South Asia, China and the Philippines, the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program addresses the needs of all new immigrants, wherever they come from."

Establishing credit history in Canada is vital

Having worked in the US with KPMG for a year, Baskar says he knew it was important to get his credit history meter ticking as soon as possible. "With the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program, I was able do so on day one."

Sushma has also taken advantage of the small safety deposit box[1] offered free for a year as part of the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program. "Our focus group discussions show new immigrants place a high value on safety deposit boxes and getting a credit card," says Pankaj Mehra, Director, India and South Asian Markets. Many immigrants with their inherent faith in precious metals would be happy to learn that Scotiabank is Canada's gold bank.

"Through our subsidiary - ScotiaMocatta, we are one of the largest distributors of precious metals in the world - we cater to the very substantial gold and jewellery markets in India," says Mehra. "In the Canadian context, what this means is that Scotiabank clients can invest in gold by getting coins and gold bars, and invest in other precious metals at our branches across Canada"

Getting settled – one step at a time

Baskar landed a job as an internal auditor, a month into the job hunt. "I'd been prepared to take whatever came my way as it is not good to sit idle, so it feels great to land a job in my field." With the financial pressure off, Sushma was better able to concentrate on her own job hunt. She had met consultants, applied for positions, and eventually landed a job with Research in Motion.

When their immigration papers came through, Baskar says his father and brother advised him to move to Canada with his wife rather than coming alone first, finding a job and then getting her to join him. "Enjoy both the hardships and the happiness together", they said.

Things which can be overwhelming for a new immigrant were handled with such ease thanks to the friendly and helpful people at Scotiabank. Honestly, I don't see us facing any hardships," says Baskar. "Scotiabank helped us skip a few steps by starting us off on the right note while we were still in India – I call it the Dummies' Guide to Banking! The *Scotiabank StartRight* Program opened the doors for us to our new life."

Feeling at home in Canada

The Raos enjoyed their first Canadian winter this year. "Shovelling was fun – I was an apprentice to my brother!" laughs Baskar who was living together with his brother then. Sushma thinks Spring is beautiful and is looking forward to enjoying the beauty of each season as it unfolds – though we feel this summer hasn't been anything to talk about.

"We love Canada," says Sushma. "Bangalore is multicultural in the local sense, Canada is multicultural in the international context. We fit right in. We feel at home!"

Hiring people from within the community

Making new immigrants feel at home are *Scotia*® advisors like Jaswant Thind, who apply their own experiences as new immigrants in their interactions with the bank's clients.

With several years of experience in sales and finance in Punjab, India, Thind landed a transition job the day after landing at Pearson International. "When I got my first cheque a week later, I didn't have an account to deposit it in" he recalls. Today, a financial advisor at Scotiabank's Queen Street branch in Brampton, Thind advises newcomers on issues vital to their settling in well in their new country.

"I see people who have been in Canada for three or four years and still don't have a credit card. They come from cash societies where credit card use is still to catch on in a big way. I tell them to apply for a no-fee credit card[2] through the *Scotiabank StartRight* Program; and that without a credit history, they will find it next to impossible to get a mortgage, or a car loan."

He says people often feel more comfortable discussing their finances in their own language and he is happy to speak to customers in Punjabi. "Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better."

Aware of the value South Asians place on education, he also advises them to invest in RESPs to finance their children's higher studies. Thind is active in the community and says people will often approach him at the gurudwara (Sikh temple of worship) or at malls and parks to ask for financial tips. "Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better" says Thind.

"At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve" says Rania Llewellyn. The Bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. "We even participate in programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants", she adds.

Scotia advisors like Jaswant Thind can serve new immigrants in many different languages.

JASWANT THIND
FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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Obama urges renewed Mideast peace talks soon

U.S. President Barack Obama wants Israel and the Palestinians to restart peace talks as soon as possible and urged both sides to advance the process, the White House said Thursday. REUTERS

World

Love runs deep in seach for lost wedding ring

A New Zealand man has been dubbed the Lord of the Ring after he searched and found his wedding ring more than a year after it slipped off his finger and sank to the sea floor. The ring was lost for 16 months in the Wellington Harbour, before Aleki Taumoepeau found it shining on the sea floor, a newspaper reported Thursday. Taumoepeau, an ecologist, had been married for just three months when he lost the ring while conducting an environmental sweep of the harbour. He roughly marked the spot where the ring had flown from his finger, but was unable to find it despite returning to the area many times. REUTERS

Millions risk death to vote

Taliban fail to deter Afghans

Millions of Afghans went to the polls Thursday, defying Taliban threats of violence and sporadic attacks to choose a president.

"The Afghan people dared rockets, bombs and intimidation and came out to vote," President Hamid Karzai told a news conference after polls closed.

"We'll see what the turnout was.

But they came out to vote. That's great, that's great."

The Afghan government said nine civilians and 14 members of the security forces were killed in 135 incidents countrywide.

Rockets fell on towns, especially in the south and east, and two gunmen wearing suicide vests were killed in a gunbattle in Kabul, but the Taliban failed to mount a single spectacular strike that could threaten the poll.

But the Taliban failed to mount a single spectacular strike that could threaten the poll itself.

Polls showed Karzai is likely to win but not by enough to avoid a run-off against his main challenger, his former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, who ran a surprisingly energetic campaign.

REUTERS

Election results

- Preliminary results are not due for two weeks, although polling stations could begin to report sooner.

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An election official sorts through ballot papers at a polling station in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on polling day.

Top Iranian bows to rape allegations

IranCrisis

TURMOIL Iran's parliamentary speaker says he's ready to consider data on allegations that some imprisoned reformist protesters have been raped. Ali Larijani spoke a day after cleric Mehdi Karoubi asked to meet top officials to present evidence of the alleged abuse of detainees following protests after June's disputed election. Authorities have rejected Karoubi's allegations. "He can pursue these issues and we are prepared to consider their documents and proofs," Larijani is quoted as saying. "We have no interest in keeping any part of this issue concealed from the public." REUTERS

"We have no interest in keeping any part of this issue concealed."
Ali Larijani

News in brief

RELEASE A former Libyan agent jailed for life for the 1988 bombing of an airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people flew home Thursday after Scottish authorities released him on compassionate grounds because he is dying of cancer. Abdel Basset al-Megrahi is believed to have less than three months to live. REUTERS

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Oil militants turn in their weapons
Nigerians turned in weapons in the Niger Delta on Thursday amid a 60-day amnesty period. Unrest has curtailed Nigeria's oil output. REUTERS

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U.S. President Barack Obama takes part in a live interview on Michael Smerconish's radio program in the Diplomatic Reception Room at the White House in Washington on Thursday.

Obama meets some trillion-dollar trouble

A stabilizing U.S. financial sector has freed President Barack Obama to trim 2009 budget deficit projections, but the still-record-breaking figure will not make it any easier for him to sell health-care reform.

The White House budget office will lower its deficit forecast next week for the current fiscal year to $1.58 trillion US from $1.84 trillion.

The decision shows the administration has enough confidence in the financial sector's strength to forego an option to ask the U.S. Congress for further rescue funds.

But the lower figure's release, which comes as the president bravely tries to overcome critics' concerns about a nearly $1-trillion overhaul of the health-care system, does not change a key problem:

The deficit is still in the trillions of dollars.

"The size of the deficit remains large and most Americans will see it that way," said Julian Zelizer, a history professor at Princeton University.

> **"The devil is not in the details but rather it is in the trillion-dollar figure."**
> Prof. Julian Zelizer

"In this case, the devil is not in the details but rather it is in the trillion-dollar figure."

The White House acknowledged that despite positive signals about the banking system the budget outlook was tough.

"I think the budget situation continues to be a great challenge," said spokesperson Robert Gibbs.

Obama has pledged to halve the deficit by the end of his four-year term.

And he is eager to remind people that he inherited a $1.3-trillion budget hole from his Republican predecessor, George W. Bush. REUTERS

... And jobs add to gloom

NEW FIGURES Manufacturing in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region expanded in August for the first time in 10 months.

But new filings for unemployment benefits rose last week.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said on Thursday its business activity index rebounded to 4.2 in August, the highest since November 2007, from minus 7.5 in July. A reading above zero indicates growth.

While the Philadelphia Fed index was the latest report to chart an improvement in manufacturing as producers rebuild inventories, a separate report from the Labor Department underscored the fragile state of the jobs market.

This tempered some of the optimism over an economy that is close or starting to pull itself out of the worst slump in 70 years. REUTERS

Out of work

- The Labor Department said the number of people collecting long-term unemployment benefits edged up 2,000 to 6.24 million in the week ended Aug. 8.

North Korea to honour the South

DIPLOMACY North Korea said on Thursday it would send a high-ranking delegation to the South to mourn former president Kim Dae-jung in the latest sign of easing tensions with the outside world. Kim died on Tuesday aged 85. REUTERS

Hitler's art to go on the block

HISTORY A German auction house intends to sell three watercolour paintings attributed to Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

The art — cottages, mills and churches nestled in rural landscapes — will go under the hammer on Sept. 5, said Weidler's auction house in Nuremberg.

"They're very neutral paintings," said Kerstin Weidler.

A five-figure sum for each picture is expected.

Although the precise number of works by Hitler is unknown, Weidler said there were an estimated 723 pictures in existence. REUTERS

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Comment

Elect a unifying force

Bernd Christmas
Guest Columnist

When Aboriginal Canadians gather next month to elect a new leader of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, an organization founded to represent off-reserve Aboriginal Peoples, they will not be just be answering the question of who leads the congress, but perhaps who actually represents Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

During the CAP's 38-year history it has battled for that right with the better known — and richer — Assembly of First Nations (the AFN received $27 million in grants from the federal government alone in 2008, compared to $5.5 million for CAP), which says it represents all First Nations, though its leadership is elected only by First Nations band chiefs, whose governments receive $10 billion in funding from Indian Affairs — a source of tension for First Nations people living off reserve who can't access those funds or that level of support.

According to Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada population projections, in 2009, there are 482,600 on-reserve Status Indians and 350,000 off reserve, though Statistics Canada says only 40 percent of First Nations people live on reserves.

So at stake in these elections is this: will a new CAP leader work with the newly elected AFN National Chief, Shawn Atleo, on behalf of all aboriginals, rather than against each other as their two predecessors did. How bad was it? The AFN's former national chief Phil Fontaine declared in 2007 about CAP: "It is deeply insulting when the government supports a puppet organization, of questionable representation, with a straw man for a leader, who slams First Nations leadership." In 2008, CAP's former national chief Patrick Brazeau responded: "The AFN national chief said he represents all First Nations people. Well, I'm a First Nations person and I did not give him that right to represent me. As a matter of fact, he living off-reserve, means I represent him."

AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo

Let's add a few more national organizations into the mix: the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Metis Nation and the Native Women's Association. Collectively, the five organizations represent all Indigenous Peoples. Sometimes they work together, but for the most part they don't.

Clearly all Indigenous Peoples are not one homogenous body, and are all very distinctive.

But surely no one can argue that collectively they are on the same page as a result of the poor treatment of Indigenous Peoples. All are fighting for recognition and implementation of rights, within the law.

The CAP election may be the first step for an organization to take the high road and elect a leader that is willing to go the extra mile. All Indigenous Peoples are looking for leaders that can bring them a better life. Education, health care, employment, justice, thriving economies and equality are issues that need attention. Will it ever be possible to form one political body to represent all?

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Views

The Artful Dodger vs. The Status Quo on HST

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"If God had wanted us to vote, he'd have given us candidates." – Jay Leno

If ever there was a quote for all political seasons that has to be it. You'd swear Jay was talking about B.C., as disgraced former premier Bill Vander Zalm launches a campaign to protest the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) — introduced by current Artful Dodger Gordon Campbell without warning — while perpetual opposition carp Carol James looks on, rubbing her hands with sanctimonious glee, but refusing to say if she'd repeal the HST if she gets elected.

It's a plot for Dirty Rotten Scoundrels II, great fun except it's our province.

Whatever you think of the HST, you have to agree this is the most shameless spectacle of political opportunism since Man of the People Glen Clark went to work for Boss of the People Jimmy Pattison, and everyone lived happily ever after. Vander Zalm has been looking for a way back into the light since he resigned over irregularities in the sale of Fantasy Gardens. Taking on the HST is like shooting fish in a barrel and could restore Smilin' Bill to his former status as most popular guy in the room. So what if he's embarrassing his own political party and providing comfort to the enemy? All's fair in self-love and politics.

Cambell has hardly covered himself in glory either. Just before the May election, he swore his government was not considering harmonizing provincial and federal sales tax and then after he got elected, he went and did it anyway. And well he might, as the option is to forfeit federal transition funds of $1.6 billion, even as he faces a sea of red ink and service cutbacks across the board.

Why didn't he trust the voters and drag the dreaded, drooling tax onto the platform and let us decide? Was it because he wasn't going to give Carol James an issue when she couldn't find one on her own, and he knew the prospects of getting elected on the HST ticket were zero to none? Duh? Then there's Carol James, who keeps waiting for Campbell to get himself defeated so she doesn't actually have to put together a platform. So far, that strategy has led to a Liberal three-peat, and you have to ask yourself: Why is she in politics again? Because it's a nice job with a swell pension? Frankly, my dear, we knew all this was coming when the economy went into the tank, and we went ahead and voted for Campbell and the status quo anyway. As Jay Leno indicates, who was the alternative? Carol James? Jane Sterk? Bill Vander Zalm?

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Worth mentioning

Japanese politicians wary as swine flu plagues region

They may want votes, but some Japanese election candidates have been cutting back on handshakes on the campaign trail as the new flu virus reaches epidemic proportions in Japan.

The country has confirmed three deaths from the Influenza A (H1N1) virus, also known as swine flu, and the health minister said Wednesday a rise in cases meant the new flu had spread more than expected this summer.

> **"Shaking hands during an election campaign is key, so this is pretty troubling."**
> Denny Tamaki

With little more than a week to go until the Aug. 30 election that his opposition Democratic Party looks likely to win, candidate Denny Tamaki is playing it safe.

"Shaking hands during an election campaign is key, so this is pretty troubling," Tamaki told the Yomiuri Shimbun.

Fellow Democratic Party candidate Katsuhito Yokokume, locked in a tough fight against popular ex-premier Junichiro Koizumi's son, took a break from campaigning a few days ago after showing flu symptoms, media reported.

When he resumed, he made a rather unusual campaign pledge.

"We'll make sure not to give speeches so close that the audience might get hit with spit," Yomiuri quoted one of his campaigners as saying.

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U.S. clears way for Alberta Clipper pipeline
The United States has approved Enbridge Inc.'s $3.3-billion US Alberta Clipper pipeline project, granting the project, which will deliver Canadian oil to U.S. refineries, a presidential permit, the State Department said in a release Thursday. REUTERS

Business

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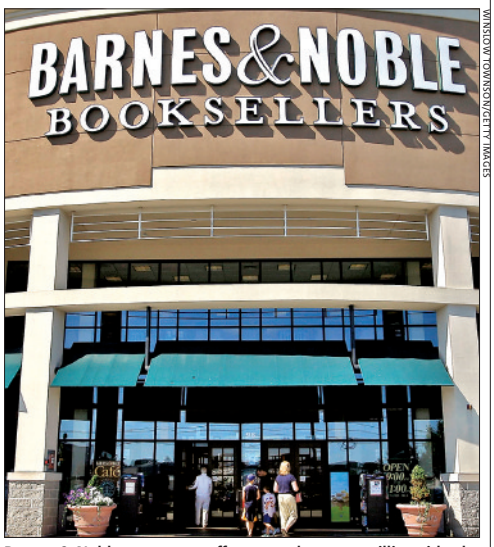
Barnes & Noble puts off forecasts

BOOKS Barnes & Noble Inc.'s quarterly profit did not fall as much as expected, but its shares skidded as sales kept sliding and the retailer put off updating its annual forecast to around Oct. 1 as it prepares to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers.

Last week, Barnes & Noble announced plans to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers for $596 million, a move that would expand its store base and provide entry into the digital textbook arena.

Traditional booksellers like Barnes & Noble are facing increased pressure from online retailers, especially from web giant Amazon.com Inc. At the same time, consumers have cut back on discretionary purchases, including books.

With more books sold online, and with new technology such as electronic book readers slowly gaining momentum, booksellers are scrambling to gain entry in the digital market. REUTERS



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Barnes & Noble expects to offer more than one million titles by the end of the year at its online store for digital books.

Wholesale trade up for first time in 9 months: StatsCan

TRADE Canadian wholesale trade rose for the first time in nine months in June, up 0.6 per cent from May on higher sales of automotive products as well as food, drink and tobacco, Statistics Canada said Thursday.

Analysts predicted a 0.3 per cent increase in June. In terms of volume of sales, June wholesale trade was up 1.0 per cent from May. In June, three of the seven sectors, accounting for just over one-half of total wholesale sales, posted gains.

Sales in the automotive products sector increased by 3.3 per cent from May, but were still 24.6 per cent below levels in June 2008. The food, beverages and tobacco products sector rose 1.8 percent from May, mainly on higher sales of food. REUTERS

Other sectors fall

- Sales in the other products sector fell by 2.2 per cent, mainly due to lower sales by agricultural chemical and other farm supplies wholesalers.
- Wholesale inventories fell by 1.1 per cent from May, the fourth consecutive monthly decline.

Business in brief

FOOD Packaged food makers H.J. Heinz Co. and Hormel Foods Corp. both posted better-than-expected quarterly profits as consumers eat more at home to save money, lifting sales of products like ketchup and Spam. Heinz said Thursday it benefited from strength in emerging markets. Hormel saw profits boosted by lower livestock feed costs.

AUTO German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she was skeptical that RHJ International would beat a coalition of Canadian auto parts manufacturer Magna and its Russian partner Sberbank in its bid for carmaker Opel a day before the board of General Motors was expected to announce its preference. REUTERS

Jet deal cancelled

Bombardier contract worth up to $1.5B

Bombardier Inc. said Thursday that it scrapped a large Learjet contract with Jet Republic after the upstart private aviation company declared insolvency, underlining the ongoing turbulence in the business jet market.

The contract for 25 Learjet 60 XR mid-sized jets accounted for $240 million US of Bombardier's backlog. If the options for 85 more jets had been exercised, it would have been worth up to $1.5 billion.

The jets were due to enter service over the course of the next two years, starting in October 2009.

The Montreal-based aerospace and transportation company's aerospace's backlog stood at $22.4 billion as of April 30.

"The order was among the largest single business jet orders Bombardier had ever recorded," Cameron Doerksen, an analyst at Versant Partners, said in a note to clients.

"We believe that this cancellation may result in a further production rate cut to the Learjet 60 line," Doerksen added.

Bombardier spokeswoman Danielle Boudreau said in an interview that, for now, Learjet operations at the company's facility in Wichita, Kan, would continue as planned. REUTERS

Déjà vu

- Last week, Bombardier cancelled a deal to supply Italian low-cost carrier MyAir.com with 15 CRJ1000 regional jets, after MyAir had its licence suspended by Italy's aviation authorities due to financial difficulties.

University of Memphis forced to forfeit wins

The University of Memphis men's basketball program has been forced to forfeit the record 38 wins and Final Four appearance it recorded during the 2007-08 season because the school used an ineligible player, the NCAA has ruled. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Plaxico pleads guilty

Former New York Giant Plaxico Burress, left, pleaded guilty to a weapons charge Thursday and agreed to a two-year prison term for accidentally shooting himself at a Manhattan nightclub. The ex-wide receiver pleaded guilty to one count of attempted criminal possession of a weapon, a lesser charge than he initially faced. Burress' sentencing is set for Sept. 22. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Bolt does it again

Jamaica's Usain Bolt shattered his own 200-metre world record on Thursday to win gold at the world championships in a breathtaking 19.19 seconds and secure his place as the greatest sprinter ever seen.

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Usain Bolt of Jamaica crosses the line to win the gold medal in the men's 200-metre final Thursday at the 12th IAAF World Athletics Championships at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin. Bolt set a new world record of 19.19 seconds.

One year exactly after he posted 19.30 seconds at the Beijing Olympics to beat Michael Johnson's "untouchable" 19.32 from the Atlanta Games, he sliced another 11 hundredths of a second off just as he did in Sunday's 100 when he ran 9.58.

Bolt, who turns 23 on Saturday, is now the world record holder and world and Olympic champion in both sprints — something no other athlete has achieved.

"I was trying, I was dying," he said. "It wasn't a good race, I can say, but it was a fast one."

Jamaica's gold rush continued in the women's 400 hurdles when Olympic champion Melaine Walker ran the second-fastest time ever — 52.42 seconds — to take the island's tally to five.

Ryan Brathwaite of Barbados won the 110 hurdles in a blanket finish with the first three divided by one hundredth of a second.

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Bombers venture into Lions' den

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The Lions will be looking for their third consecutive win tonight as Winnipeg pays a visit to B.C. Place. For the second straight week, the Leos will be facing a team that is coming off a blowout loss to Montreal.

QB CAROUSEL With Buck Pierce out of the lineup with his second concussion this year, Jarious Jackson will be taking the snaps. After replacing Pierce last week, Jackson had a solid game with three touchdowns.

BIG D Despite giving up 39 points to Montreal last week, the Bombers possess a strong defence corps, led by former Lion, MLB Barrin Simpson. Simpson leads the league with 52 tackles and the Bombers as a whole lead the league in interceptions (16) and are third in points allowed with 175.

INCHING CLOSER With 230 career wins, Lions head coach Wally Buono sits just two victories short of passing CFL legend Don Matthews for the most wins all-time by a CFL coach.

DANIEL HENDRIKSEN /FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Sports in brief

TRACK South Africa's ruling party leapt on Thursday to the defence of a world champion runner undergoing a gender verification test, saying she was the country's "golden girl" and a role model for young athletes. Caster Semenya won the women's world 800 metres title with a crushing performance in Berlin on Wednesday.

TENNIS Roger Federer survived a scare at the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday before recovering to beat Spaniard David Ferrer 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the third round.

NFL New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees was ready to focus on football as he returned to practice for the first time since his mother's funeral. Brees, who last practised Sunday, was back on the field as the Saints wrapped up their joint practice with the Texans on Thursday morning.

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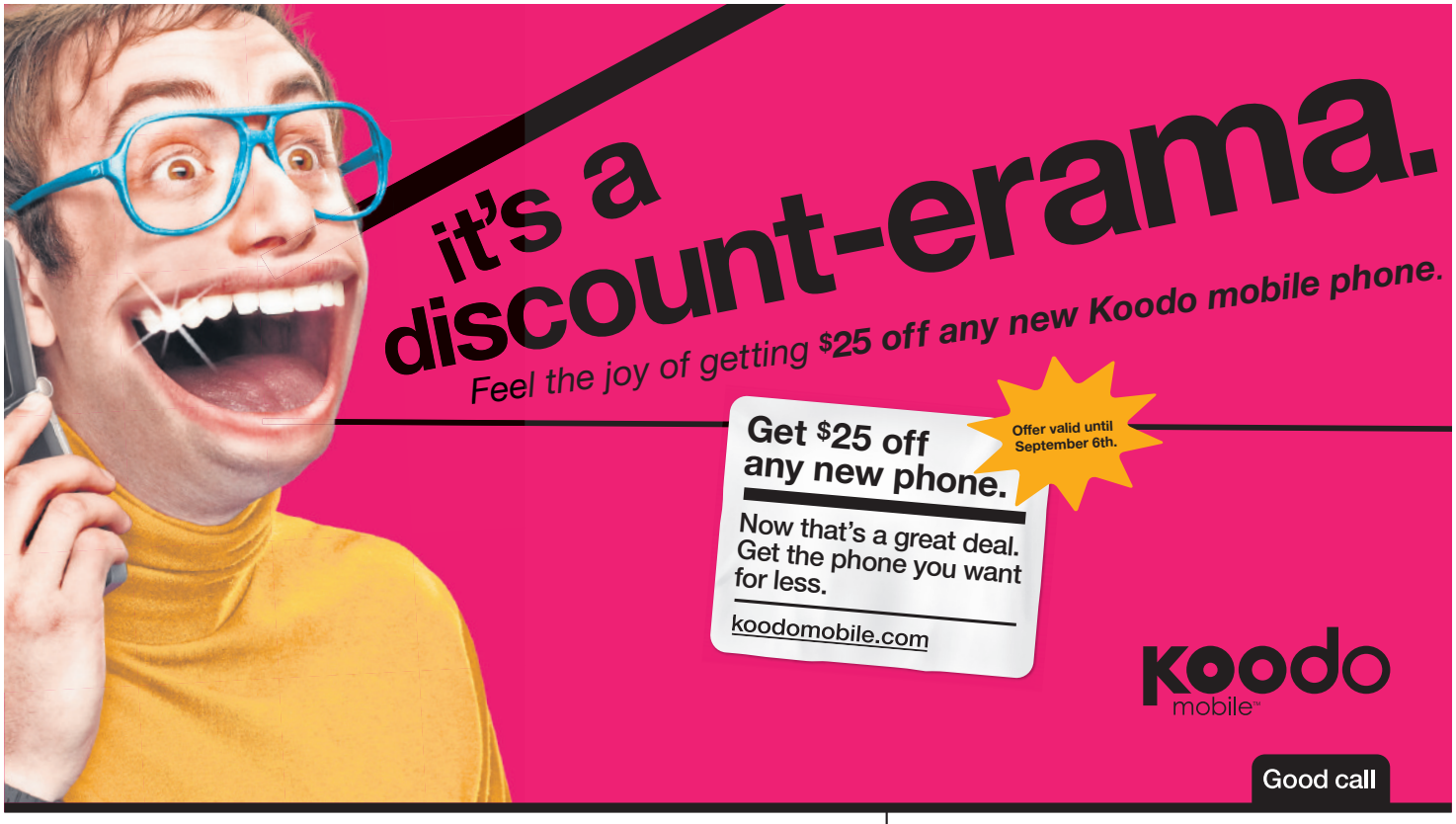

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Nationals name new GM

The Washington Nationals introduced Mike Rizzo as the team's new general manager at a press conference Thursday. He had been acting GM since March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Serena cruises into quarters

TENNIS World No. 2 Serena Williams raced into the quarter-finals of the Rogers Cup in Toronto on Thursday with a 6-1, 6-4 demolition of Ukrainian Alona Bondarenko.

Williams needed only 64 minutes on a blustery centre court to dispose of the world No. 33 and restore a bit of family honour after the Ukrainian's sister Kateryna had knocked out older sibling Venus in the second round.

Back on centre court just 15 hours after a second round victory over Yaroslava Shvedova, the Wimbledon and Australian Open champion charged to a 5-0 lead on her way to taking the opening set. REUTERS

On the green for the green

Golf's Olympic inclusion nothing more than a cash grab

FieldofPlay
Scott Russell
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I saw Alex Baumann, one of Canada's greatest Olympians, the other day in Dartmouth, N.S., at the World Sprint Canoe Championships. The legendary swimmer and I witnessed another Canadian Olympic icon, Adam van Koeverden, as he won a bronze medal in his kayak despite nursing a badly broken ankle.

"Can you believe golf's back in the Olympics?" I asked Baumann.

He shook his head in amazement and turned his attention to what was happening out on the surface of beautiful Lake Banook.

That old Sesame Street tune sung by the Cookie Monster came to mind. "One of these things is not like the other things. One of these things just doesn't belong."

He might as well have been singing about golf vis-à-vis the Olympic Games. Although it's a great game and a modern day obsession of those who can afford the time and money to play it, golf is not — repeat not — Olympic.

Sure it was, at one time, played in Olympic competition, and a Canadian named George Lyon won the gold medal in St. Louis back in 1904. But remember, there was also motor boat racing at the Olympics and polo and croquet, for goodness' sake. Like golf, these are not Olympic pursuits, but rather pastimes of the privileged few.

Golf's anticipated re-entry to the Olympic family in time for the 2016 Games — read: Chicago — reeks of another money grab. The IOC's return to the country club mentality is an attempt to capitalize on the star power of Tiger Woods and a few others. Meanwhile, women ski jumpers can't get a sniff of gender equality or place their sport in the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

It's hypocritical, to say the least.

When will the people who currently run the Olympics understand that the Games are the pinnacle of athletic achievement? To be Olympic champion is an exalted state. For the likes of Woods it would merely be a feather in his Nike-festooned cap. For golfers it's the Masters or the British Open that matter most — not the Olympics.

One of the founders of the modern Games, Pierre de Coubertin, once uttered the following words. "All sports for all people," he declared. "In no way can sport be considered a luxury object."

It's doubtful he was talking about golf and the Olympics in the same breath.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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What a Basterd

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There are parts of Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds — featuring Mélanie Laurent, seen here — that are brilliant, but there are just as many that fall flat. If that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.

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Director shows he can do just about anything in Shorts.

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Why does this pop-punk songstress love Celine Dion?

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Jane Lynch hangs her hat on a hilarious new TV show.

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Little glory in Basterds

Brad Pitt's character leads a team of American Jews in a revenge mission against Nazis in Inglourious Basterds.

Inglourious Basterds
Director: Quentin Tarantino
Stars: Brad Pitt, Eli Roth
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

There are parts of Inglourious Basterds — Quentin Tarantino's intentionally audacious fusing of spaghetti westerns and Second World War epics — that are brilliant. But there are just as many parts surrounding them that fall flat.

Tarantino loves playing with audience expectations as to who lives and dies, and here it can get frustrating, with time and dialogue lavished on seemingly important characters who get snuffed out with minimal fanfare.

It's interesting, then, that the most compelling person in the film, the villain Col. Landa (Christoph Waltz), is pure convention: A smiling, charming and deliciously evil Nazi. That the character pops off the screen so well is all thanks to the incredible performance Austrian-born Waltz delivers. He commands the audience's attention, and richly rewards them for it.

His first chance to shine is perhaps the film's brightest moment, an opening sequence set in a French farmhouse in which Landa interrogates a farmer who may or may not be hiding a Jewish family. As a standalone scene, it is perhaps Tarantino's best ever.

Conversely, another standalone scene, set in a German basement tavern, literally splits the film down the middle, killing any momentum built up and cancelling out much of the work the story had done. It's quite frustrating — and the new best example of Tarantino's chronic self-indulgence going horribly wrong.

Two main sticking points keep Basterds from succeeding as a whole. The first is the name. The film is being sold on Brad Pitt's titular team of American Jews on a mission of brutal revenge against Nazis. Except they're supporting characters at best, and most of their action takes place off-screen. (Of the eight Basterds, half don't even have dialogue.)

The other main problem is the intertwining of plot threads — or lack thereof. The climax of the film brings the biggest names of the Third Reich to a movie premiere in Paris, and we've watched two different groups of heroes plot to use the event to end the war.

Without giving too much away, the two plots don't so much converge or complicate each other as cancel each other out. It's monumentally unsatisfying. And if that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.

On the web

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Post Grad failure across the board

Zach Gilford plays Alexei Bledel's BFF and love interest in Post Grad, directed by Vicky Jenson.

Post Grad
Director: Vicky Jenson
Stars: Alexis Bledel, Michael Keaton
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

REVIEW It's tough pinpointing the most obnoxious part of Post Grad, a tale of 20-something self-absorption and misplaced priorities that has become more relevant than it deserves to be thanks to the recession. But the most offensive part, by far, is the wasted talent cast as the family of Alexis Bledel's titular college graduate.

The filmmakers somehow managed to hook Michael Keaton, Jane Lynch and Carol Burnett, all comedic forces in their own right, to play the "quirky" father, mother and grandmother of Ryden Malby (Bledel). And honestly, they all deserve much, much better.

They try their best to create some oddball charm during haphazardly raised and dropped subplots, but all they get in return is Ryden's exasperation and embarrassment.

As for Ryden herself, she tells us everything we need to know about her in a quickie video blog over the opening credits. She's had a plan since grade school, and everything is going according to that plan. Now that college is over, her next step is to land a job at "the top publishing company in Los Angeles."

While her career drama unfolds, we as the audience are supposed to agonize over Ryden not seeing the wonderful guy right in front of her, lovelorn BFF Adam (Zach Gilford). The only problem is Gilford has zero charisma on screen, and the character is a humourless, self-righteous twerp who stalks around casting judgment on everyone.

All of this might be worth overlooking if the story followed any sort of logic.

But no, instead we watch Ryden get beat out for her dream job, apply for a series of demoralizing gigs, complain about her family, and mope.

Then, through no effort of her own, she suddenly gets her dream job after all. Not that it matters, since after a brief "excelling at work" montage, she gives it all up just as suddenly to follow her heart. And we're left feeling sorry for Keaton, Lynch and Burnett.

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Timekeeper will provoke and linger

The Timekeeper
Director: Louis Bélanger
Stars: Craig Olejnik, Roy Dupuis
Classification: PG-13
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

REVIEW The Timekeeper is a brooding story of men laying railroad track, a mile a day, in the remote wooded mountains of the Northwest Territories. It's intense, quiet and riveting, a kind of adult Lord of the Flies that gets under your skin.

It isn't a horror film in the conventional sense but feels like one. It is fleshed out with intelligence, compassion and an underlying goodness.

Violence simmers in the encampment, where society's rejects jump to the tune of a brutally sadistic boss. Does slavery in isolation make people crazy or does the crazy draw them there? Life is a daily struggle to stay in one piece, if not necessarily sane.

An idealistic young man, played by Craig Olejnik (The Listener) arrives as the new timekeeper, charged with keeping tracks of men's hours. He answers to boss Fisk (Stephen McHattie), whose charm belies evil as definitive as Hannibal Lecter crossed with Simon Legree.

Fisk's crew is mesmerised by fear because his greatest pleasure is breaking and torturing them, exiling complainers to the garbage heap or murdering them and collecting their wages. Things get tricky when the timekeeper starts asking questions so Fisk sets out to break him.

Olejnik and McHattie put in powerful and beautifully contrasting performances in their dance of death. Roy Dupuis is an unrecognisably shabby and deranged, a "swine faced maggot garbage eater" exile. He gradually becomes the timekeeper's ally.

The Timekeeper is a harsh morality tale that will provoke and linger.

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Zemeckis aboard Yellow Submarine

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Proud in Japan

Doc captures gay politician's campaign

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

In Canada, most of the trails have been blazed when it comes to gay men and women running for public office. But in other countries — like Japan — mixing politics and alternative lifestyles can still sparks a media frenzy.

So was the reaction when it was announced that Kanako Otsuji, an openly gay woman, was accepted by the Democratic Party to run for a seat the Japanese senate. Kanako soon found her face plastered on the cover of Japanese Time Magazine.

"We thought it was a first, it was history in the making," says Naomi Hiltz, director of Kanako: Challenging the System, which documents Kanako's 17-day campaign across Japan during the 2007 election.

She campaigned on a platform to legalize gay marriage in the conservative country. Many same sex couples already marry, but the state doesn't recognize their unions as legal contracts.

"If you're married and they pass away, you don't have any rights," explains Hiltz, legal, financial or otherwise. "You could be living with your partner for 20 years and if something happens you don't inherit the house, no life insurance, that's what she's trying to say."

Even if audiences can't sympathize with Kanako's politics, says Hiltz, they will connect with her as a person.

"She's just like any other 32-year-old woman: she has a lot of talent, she has a lot of drive and she wants to change the world."

"She couldn't understand us," she jokes of her first contact with Kanako. "After we got somebody to translate for us, she was excited." Hiltz says Kanako sees herself as a human rights activist more than a politician so getting her message out was her primary goal.

"She was getting a lot of press but for someone to come from Canada is a big thing."

Hiltz thinks Japan lags behind Canada by five to 10 years when it comes to gay rights. But Kanako's campaign should go a long way to changing attitudes.

On your screens

- Kanako: Challenging the System will be shown at Vancouver's Out On Screen Film Festival (outonscreen.com) on Saturday, and then has its national Canadian broadcast premiere Sunday on OUT TV.

Tilly, Kirk join 30 Beats ensemble

CASTING Jennifer Tilly, Justin Kirk, Jason Day and Thomas Sadoski are starring in 30 Beats, an indie feature inspired by Arthur Schnitzler's classic play La Ronde.

Beats explores a series of amorous encounters among 10 people in Manhattan and will feature an international ensemble cast.

Alexis Lloyd, former head of film studio Pathe U.K., wrote the script and is directing the film. The cast includes Ingeborga Dapkunaite, Paz de la Huerta, Vahina Giocante, Ben Levin, Lee Pace and Condola Rashad.

Tilly will play a psychic who engages in weekly sexual encounters with a free-spirited Cuban messenger (Day). Sadoski is playing a political speechwriter whose personal life involves encounters with an actress (Giocante) and a dominatrix (Dapkunaite). **REUTERS**

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'It's really, really dark'

Rob Zombie ditches campy humour in Halloween 2

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Like his cultural contemporary Quentin Tarantino, writer/director/rockstar Rob Zombie has fashioned a career and forged a legacy out of his undying love for classic trash cinema.

The platinum-selling shock rock guru (beloved for both his solo work and the long defunct band he fronted, White Zombie) and filmmaker had already amassed a cult following for his ultraviolent, cruel horror pictures like House of 1000 Corpses and The Devils Rejects.

But it was with his 2007 remake of John Carpenter's seminal 1978 indie slasher Halloween, that he really hit box office gold, and, in turn, was taken seriously as a major Hollywood player.

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Though he swore he wouldn't, Zombie has now revisited that controversial genre redux territory with Halloween 2 — opening next Friday. The supposedly leaner, gorier follow-up is, Zombie insists, a radical departure from his semi-faithful original.

"The difference between this film and the first is the difference between House of 1000 Corpses and The Devils Rejects," says the director. "I didn't care what people's expectations were and I didn't care about the Halloweens that had come before. I had complete creative control to do whatever what I wanted."

Halloween 2 opens in theatres next Friday

Halloween 2 continues the sick saga of psychologically damaged Laurie Strode (Scout Taylor-Compton), who is still trying to evade the homicidal rampage of her deranged masked serial killer brother Michael Myers (Tyler Mane).

Outside of his two leads, the director has also reassembled many of his other surviving cast members, including the legendary Malcom McDowell who reprises his turn as the wild eyed Dr. Loomis.

"I think that directors like to work with the same actors all the time, because the performances they give are that much more dynamic." Zombie says.

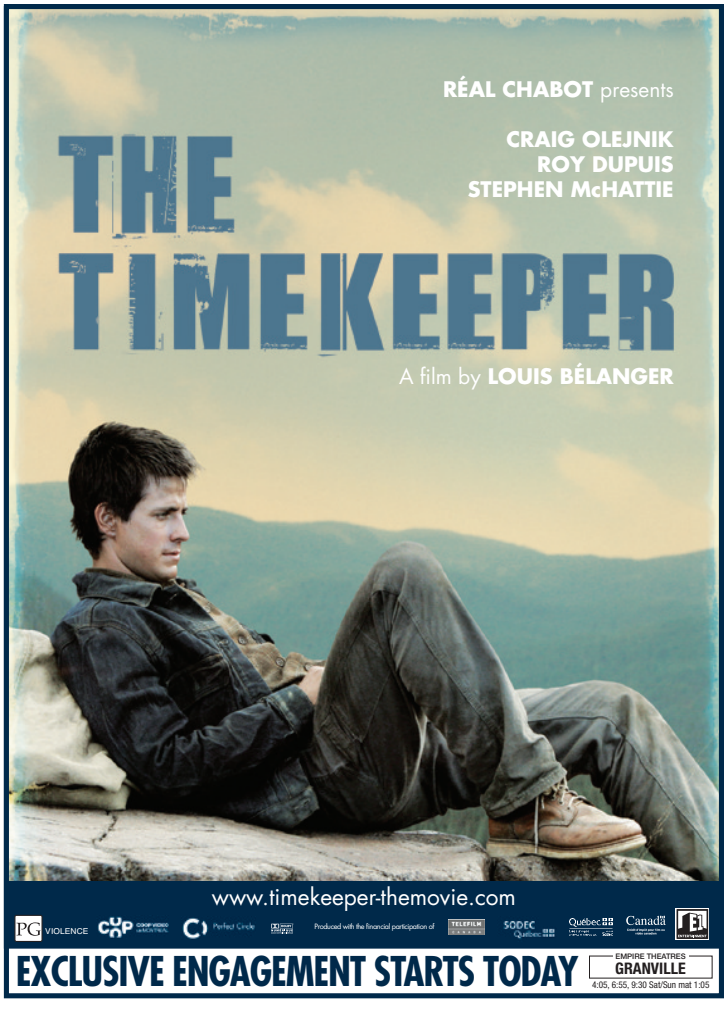
"In the first film, working with … Malcom and Scout, we had just met and it was all professional. This time however, we broke through that wall and the results of that relationship are on the screen."

"I didn't care about the Halloweens that had come before."
Director Rob Zombie

And even though past Zombie efforts — much like the campy, hillbilly horror persona he's long employed — have had their tongues firmly wedged in their bloody cheeks, the filmmaker claims that Halloween 2 will be a decidedly grim, oppressive experience.

"There is absolutely no humour in this movie. It's really, really dark."

Tyler Mane stars as serial killer Michael Myers in Halloween 2.



Dirty Dancing again?

Work is reportedly underway on a Dirty Dancing remake. Lionsgate studio chiefs have asked Uptown Girls writer Julia Dahl to come up with a script for a new version of the 1987 classic dance movie, which starred Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Reel Time

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Never a dull moment with Tarantino

Quentin Tarantino doesn't care if you like him or his movies.

"My films are unabashedly about myself and you're either going to like them or go against them," he says, "but that's OK because I like me."

Tarantino's films — Pulp Fiction, Jackie Brown and Kill Bill Vol. 1 and 2, to name a few — sharply polarize people. For every person who gets all aquiver at the prospect of a new picture from the Reservoir Dogs director, there's another who thinks his movies are too long, too self-indulgent and too derivative.

Despite those criticisms, fair or not, there can be no argument that of all the brand name directors working today Tarantino is the most audacious. His films are a singular vision and this weekend's Inglourious Basterds is no exception.

His films are unapologetically bloody, in-your-face talky and ripe with larger-than-life characters, and perhaps it's those qualities that rub certain people the wrong way.

He refuses to play it safe and take the Michael Bay road churning out Hasbro movies. He's told interviewers he would die to make his movies perfect, and I believe him, but I'm a fan.

Not all critics are. Writer Ryan Gilbey said Death Proof represented "a sort of embarrassment of riches, only without the riches," and more recently the Guardian called Inglourious Basterds "an armor-plated turkey." Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but I think the Tarantino hecklers miss the point.

Harvey Keitel in Reservoir Dogs, the film that heralded the arrival of Quentin Tarantino.

Tarantino is a provocateur who excels when he doesn't play nice with the audience. Unlike the vast majority of films at the local bijou, his films demand something from an audience; they demand to be noticed and argued about over coffee (or something stronger) afterward. Many films fade quickly from memory, but, like them or not, Tarantino's don't.

When he's at his best— Reservoir Dogs, Pulp Fiction and Inglourious Basterds — the movies are transformative cinematic experiences, but even when he's not in top form — say, Death Proof — his work is, as critic Peter Bradshaw said, "more interesting than the successes of dullards and middleweights churning out Identikit films by the truckload."

"You're either going to like them or go against them."
Quentin Tarantino on his films

Tarantino's films aren't for everyone, but it's undeniable that he takes movies seriously.

So seriously in fact, that the heroine in Inglourious Basterds is a cinema owner who literally uses film to bring down the Third Reich. I love that.

Say what you will, you can never accuse Tarantino of being boring.

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Ghost writer working on Resurrection

SCREENPLAY The Oscar-winning screenwriter of Ghost, Bruce Joel Rubin has been hired to write the DreamWorks adaptation of the Japanese cult hit Resurrection.

Akihiko Shiota's 2003 supernaturally themed pic centred on a town in which people who have been dead for decades come back to life. Instead of engaging in zombie behaviour, though, the townspeople simply return to their normal lives as though nothing changed.

Rubin, who already has written an elaborate treatment for the project, will offer the kind of emotionally centred take for which he's known. In addition to Ghost, he wrote the early-'90s drama Jacob's Ladder and most recently penned the Eric Bana/Rachel McAdams love story The Time Traveler's Wife.

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From cameo to lead

Robin Williams offered to make a cameo appearance in Bobcat Goldthwait's film World's Greatest Dad but was so impressed by the script, he asked if he could take on the lead role of dissatisfied school teacher Lance. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Comedian 'carries' Woodstock

Martin dishes on role in Ang Lee's film on concert

DOROTHY ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Demetri Martin knows how to do many things. He knows how to tell a joke (as seen on his Comedy Central show Important Things with Demetri Martin). He knows how to play a guitar (if you've ever seen his stand-up, you know that he punctuates his droll one-liners with a well-played guitar). And Martin is smart (he's a Yale grad).

Perhaps the one thing Martin doesn't really know to do is how to carry a film, which leads to the question: Why did famed director Ang Lee tap him to helm his new movie Taking Woodstock?

"It was all very unexpected," says the youthful Martin, who admits to not being a trained actor, while on a press junket in New York City. "I didn't know that this project existed or that Ang knew anything about me or what I do."

Movie **feature**

As it turned out, it was a teenaged fan with a slight crush on the comedian who tipped off the Oscar-winning director.

"James (Schamus, Lee's longtime collaborator) introduced me to him, because his teenaged daughter liked him and she got him to watch clips on YouTube and thought he was very funny and cute," says Lee of Martin in slightly broken English. "I just believed the story would happen to him. And I liked the challenge, not necessarily of taking a comedian, but just of him, of him taking us through the party."

And as the history books prove, oh what a party it was. And it's up to Martin, as the meek Elliot Teichberg who just happens to volunteer his family's motel to be the home base for the three-day concert, to carry the viewer through the life-changing bash.

Eugene Levy, left, and Demetri Martin star in Ang Lee's Taking Woodstock.

"Ang reminded me of that sometimes — 'You are carrying this film,'" laughs Martin. "This 'carry' verb kept coming up. And I'm like, 'What's this carrying business?' I started to understand when we started the shoot because I worked every day. You're this constant figure."

In the end, does Martin pull that "carry" verb off? During our interview, he seemed unsure, but he did say he got through it by "putting all of my faith in Ang."

"I kept thinking of the Karate Kid because he was like this sensei who was like, 'Do this with your arms.' And you're like, 'Okay, so what does that do?'" Martin recounts. "I just tried to be a student this whole time and follow their lead and trust that they found someone to do what they wanted. I didn't come in saying, 'I figured out the character, and here's what I'm going to do, Ang.' It was more like, 'Okay, what do you want me to do? Walk faster? Okay!'"

No drugs please

• Although in Taking Woodstock, Martin portrays a man enjoying his first LSD experience, in real life, Martin stays away from the stuff but not because Nancy Regan told him to.

"I have all of these food allergies," he says. "Any moral issues aside, I've avoided most drugs because I'm so afraid I'll have an allergic reaction. It'll be like, I'm at some party and someone will be like, 'Hey man, try this.' And I'll be like, 'Um, I gotta go, I'm breaking out into hives.'"

Shorts everything a kid could wish for

Filmmaker Robert Rodriguez returns to Spy Kids territory with Shorts.

Shorts
Director: Robert Rodriguez
Stars: Jimmy Bennett, Jon Cryer
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There's no debate about filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's extreme diversity. Whether its violent thrillers like Sin City or hyperkinetic juvenile triumphs like Spy Kids, the man has proven skills with imagination to boot.

And I'm not even talking about the fact that he writes, edits, scores and just about does everything short of making the crew's sandwiches on his movies.

Now, with Shorts, he's returned to testing the kiddy market with a chronologically-challenged fable about a rainbow-coloured rock that allows those in its possession anything they wish for.

For a young outcast like Toe Thompson (Jimmy Bennett), that kind of opportunity opens a world without braces and an end to the bullying.

But when the rock falls into other hands, suddenly the neighbourhood kids must save the world from a corporate megalomaniac (James Spader), bipedal crocodiles and a carelessly flung snotball that morphs into a huge, hideous monster.

In short, the lesson is "be careful what you wish for."

While Rodriguez's message is simple (it's for kids after all), the film's structure is far from it.

With the visual splash of a Tiny Toons cartoon, the moral tone of a Dr. Seuss fable and its unadulterated aim at creating cinematic chaos as amusement, Rodriguez's latest adventure won't short-change the kids on fun.

However, their adult companions may find that Shorts' frantic, over-the-top pace may just short-circuit your synapses.

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Adrenaline (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk (STC) Fri-Sat
Beavers (STC) Fri-Thu 11-5
Roving Mars (G) Fri-Thu 3 Fri 7:30
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Sat 7:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (G) Fri-Thu 6
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk in 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
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Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 7-10:15 Sat-Sun 3:15-7-10:15 Mon-Thu 7-10:15

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7:10-9:15
Adam (PG) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:45-7:30-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:45-9:40
Fifty Dead Men Walking (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:20-9:45 Mon 1:30-4:15-9:45 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:20-9:45
In the Loop (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:20
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:30

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 9:35
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:20 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:05-9:20 Wed 4:10-9:20 Thu 4:10-7:05-9:20
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri 4-7:10 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10
Kaminey (Hindi with English Subtitles) (14A) Fri 3:55-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:55-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:45
Life Partner (G) Fri 4:20-8 Sat 12:45-4:20-8 Sun 12:45 Mon-Thu 4:20-8
Public Enemies (14A) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:40
Spread (18A) Fri 4:10-7-9:25 Sat 1-4:10-7-9:25 Sun 1-4:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:25
The Timekeeper (PG) Fri 4:05-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55-9:30

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

The Soloist (PG) Fri 9:45 Sat-Sun 3:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 9:45
Star Trek (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

District 9 (18A) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 4-7-9:45 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-4-7-9:45 DTS Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) DTS Digital Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 3:15-6:45-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3:15-6:45-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 3:15-6:45-10

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Alias Nick Beal (STC) Wed 9:05
Gun Crazy (STC) Sun 7:30
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The Lady From Shanghai (STC) Fri 9:20 Sat 7:30 Sun 9:15
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Shakedown (STC) Mon 9:20 Wed 7:30
A Touch of Evil (STC) Sat 9:15 Mon 7:15

PARK THEATRE
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The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:20

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

One Day You'll Understand (G) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIO ON BROADWAY
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Akira (STC) Fri 12
Ghost in the Shell (STC) Fri
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30

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The Cove (PG) Fri 12-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat 10-12-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sun-Thu 12-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
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Funny People (18A) Fri-Wed 12:30-4:10-7:40-10:50 Thu 12:30-4:10-10:50
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Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:10-6:30-10:10
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Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sat 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40
Metropolitan Opera: La Fille du Régiment (STC) Sat 10

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(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:10-7:30-9:50
Bandslam (G) No Passes Sun-Thu 2:20-5
Cold Souls (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01
Halloween II (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:20-7:50-10:25
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-10:15
Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Paper Heart (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Sun-Thu 7:35-10:05
Ponyo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7-9:30
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-3:10-5:25-7:40-9:55
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-4:50-7:05-9:20
Taking Woodstock (14A) No Passes Thu 12:01
Thirst (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:20-7:25-10:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-2-3:20-4:40-6:05-7:20-8:45-10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10
Up (G) No Passes Fri-Wed 12-3:30-7:10 No Passes Thu 12-3:30
Vancouver Queer Film Festival 2009 (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 5-7-9:30

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Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:25-3:30-7:20-9:25

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G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-4:50-7-9:20
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:10-7:20-9:30
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3-6:50-9:35
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Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-9:50
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:10-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:40
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:15-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10-9:35

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The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:35-10:10
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Sat 3:40-10:40 Sun 10:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-10:40
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Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-6:45-9:30
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:40
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-7:30 Sun 12:45 Mon-Thu 12:45-7:30
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:05
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Wed 12:1:05-3-4:50-6:40-7:45-9:45-10:35 Thu 12-3-4:50-6:40-7:45-9:45-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:20-10:05
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The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:15

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District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3-7:20-10:20
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-5-7:35-10
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Bandslam (G) Fri 4:40-7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:35
Funny People (18A) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:50
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
Ponyo (G) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:30
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri 5-7:35-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:20-5-7:35-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:35-9:45
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:20-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:40
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55
Up (G) Fri 3:40-5:45-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:40-5:45-7:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-5:45-7:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:45-7:40-10:05
Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:30-6:55
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:10-3:40-4:25-7:05-7:55-10:15-10:45
Funny People (18A) Fri-Sat 12:20-3:50-7:15-10:35 Sun 12:20-7:15-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:15-10:35
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:20-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:20-7:10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:35-10:25
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:15-7:45-10:40 Sun 1:25-4:15-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:45-10:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-7:10-10:35
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:05-6:50-9:20
Inglourious Basterds (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-2:20-4:15-6:30-7:50-10:10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Tue 12-3:15-7:30-10:30 Wed 4-7:30-10:30 Thu 12-3:15-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Wed 1
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The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 10:05
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:30-5-7:20-9:40
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3-6:45-9:50 Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-8-10:35
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SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 9:25
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 8:45
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-6:30
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 12
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15-8:25
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:45
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:45
Up (G) Fri-Thu 12-4:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 12:30
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:30-10:30
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:20
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-6:55-9:55
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:20-9:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 3:45-7:05-10:25
Inglourious Basterds (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:05
Kaminey (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:15-10:20
Love Aaj Kal (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Sat 12:35-3:35-6:45-9:45 Sun 12:35-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:45-9:45
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:30
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:35-10:15
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:10 Wed 4:15-7:10 Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
WWE Summerslam - 2009 (STC) Sun 5

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Bandslam (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12:55-3:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 12:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 12:55-3:40
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G-Force (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-6:50
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12:45-4:10-7:9:40-12:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:45-4:10-7-9:40
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Julie & Julia (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:05-10:15
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 10
Ponyo (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-7:25-10:10
Post Grad (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:10-9:50
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Shorts (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-7:35-10:25
The Ugly Truth (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 7:20-9:45-12:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 7:20-9:45
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1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterionttheatres.com

Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 7:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:15-7:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:25

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterionttheatres.com

District 9 (18A) Fri 7:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30
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Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Shorts (G) No Passes Fri 7:20-9 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-9

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:55-6:45-9:30
Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:10-6:40
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:35-4:05-6:55-7:35-9:50-10:25
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The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-7:05-10:05
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:25-7:10-10:20 Sun 12:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:25-7:10-10:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:25-10:05
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The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-7:15-10:10
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TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 10:45
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 8:45
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (14A) Fri-Sat 12:30

Billboard's top albums
1. Twang, George Strait, right; **2.** Hot August Night/NYC, Neil Diamond; **3.** The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; **4.** Hot Mess, Cobra Starship; **5.** Only By the Night, Kings of Leon. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Shiloh gets the Picture

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

Celine Dion, Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson. What do these artists have in common? Well, if you were to ask the red and black haired spitfire from Regina, Sask., known simply as Shiloh, she'd tell you they're her biggest influences. That and "a lot of '80s music," thanks to her dad.

Her feisty, radio-friendly tunes like Operator (A Girl Like Me) and Goodbye, You Suck suggest this 16-year-old was raised on a steady diet of crunchy pop punk, but get her talking about Celine Dion and Shiloh is in awe.

Shiloh live

- Shiloh plays the Rio Theatre on Sept. 17.

"She's worked really hard to get to where she is today," she says. "(Celine's) extremely focused and stays in shape, and she's got an amazing voice, determination, motivation, and the drive to be the best she can be."

While Shiloh's just released her debut album, Picture Imperfect, the way she describes Canada's most successful export it's as if she's planning a similar path for her burgeoning career.

After winning a radio contest in Edmonton, Shiloh signed a worldwide deal with Universal Republic and has spent the last two and a half years making the album. She calls it the "best feeling in the world" to finally have Picture Imperfect available to her growing legion of fans, so she can continue spreading a message that she feels is important to hear.

"The message is just being yourself and never letting that go because that's one thing that you can always keep," she says. "Nobody can take who you are away from you, no matter how you dress or who you are."

UNIVERSAL MUSIC

Picture Imperfect is the debut album from Shiloh.

Though most of the album focuses on the importance of being yourself, Shiloh's favourite song is actually the kiss off anthem Goodbye, You Suck, which she wrote about an unsuspecting ex-boyfriend of hers. "It was to a guy I was with who was a complete and total jerk, so I wrote a song about it because I just hated him at the time," she says laughing. "I've talked to him in the last while and it's totally fine. It's a little bit awkward though because he asked me one day if the song was about him and I just said no."

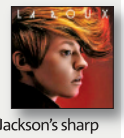
"Nobody can take who you are away from you, no matter how you dress or who you are." Shiloh

The song will definitely be a crowd favourite on her 17-date headlining Canadian tour throughout August and September. "The tour is gonna be so exciting," she exclaims. "I'm looking forward to getting out there with the band to see all of my fans. They're gonna be energy packed shows. I like to call it an ADHD show because I like to run around and be crazy. It's gonna be absolutely amazing."

Metro recommends

- **Nice, Nice, Very Nice, Dan Mangan:** Vancouver singer-songwriter delivers a wide range of ornate indie folk-rock.

- **La Roux, La Roux:** Catchy U.K. electro-pop soaked in '80s synths, crisp beats and Elly Jackson's sharp falsetto. METRO NEWS SERVICES



TOP 10 RINGTONES
1 I Gotta Feeling Black Eyed Peas
2 I Know You Want Me Pitbull
3 Fire Burning Sean Kingston
4 Boom Boom Pow Black Eyed Peas
5 Birthday Sex Jeremih
6 Day N Nite Kid Cudi
7 One Time Justin Bieber
8 Knock You Down Kerri Hilson
9 Paparazzi Lady Gaga
10 I'm On a Boat Lonely Island
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ROGERS

Surviving the dog days of summer

SoundCheck

The last two weeks of August are a rather desperate time. Those who have already exhausted their summer vacations are grumpy over the prospect of no time off until Christmas.

If you're still with me after that cheerful preamble, here are a couple of musical things that may distract you from the fact that in two weeks, it'll be Labour Day:

New Radiohead: Something weird is going on with Thom and Co. First, for one pound sterling, you can download a song called Harry Patch (In Memory Of), dedicated to the passing of the last British First World War vet. Then, quite unexpectedly, a second song called These Are My Twisted Words was leaked online by the band themselves along with some primitive ASCII artwork which may (or may not) point towards the release of a new EP called Wall of Ice. We'll see.

Solo Jack White: In the year's best music documentary, It Might Get Loud (wherein Jack, U2's The Edge and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin swap guitar stories), Jack was challenged to write and record a song before the cameras. It took all of ten minutes. Now people worldwide are buying Fly Farm Blues at 99 cents a pop on iTunes.

The iPad (or whatever they're going to call it): According to those who monitor Chinese and Taiwanese electronics manufacturing plants, Apple's mythical tablet device — a combo music, movie, email device, web browser and ebook reader — could be in production. Could its unveiling mark Steve Jobs' return to work? Or will the Sept. 9 announcement focus on refreshing the iPod line?

U2 finally comes to North America: For the first time since 1984, they started a world tour in Europe. Reviews have been rapturous and The Claw stage has people gobsmacked. Things start in Chicago on Sept. 12.

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Whitney and Winfrey

Whitney Houston is coming to Oprah Winfrey's famous couch. Winfrey, 55, will welcome Houston as her first guest on the The Oprah Winfrey Show's 24th season, which airs Sept. 14. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

Jane Lynch top of her game in Glee

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Metro World News

Jane Lynch has had a busy month at the movies, stealing scenes alongside Carol Burnett in Post Grad and Meryl Streep in Julie & Julia.

But August is nothing compared to the exposure Lynch is set to receive come September, when the much-anticipated Fox series Glee starts up in earnest.

The first episode — which opens with Lynch's domineering, over-competitive cheerleading coach chastising her team with, "You think this is hard? Try being waterboarded." — got a boost to its profile thanks to a sneak preview after the American Idol season finale and some major support from TV critics and fans at last month's Comic Con.

Glee premieres Wednesday, Sept. 9 on Global

And Lynch has been a major part of the marketing for the ensemble show.

"I feel like I'm doing a lot of press," she says. But she's not complaining. "I'm not one of those people who's like, 'Deep down inside I'm really shy.'"

Though best known for standout roles in films like The 40-Year-Old Virgin and last year's Role Models, Lynch started 2009 firmly committed to moving to the small screen.

"My New Year's resolution was I want to hang my hat somewhere," she says. And that led her to taking part in two pilots, Glee and a Damon Wayans comedy for ABC that didn't see the light of day.

Jane Lynch stars in Glee.

"I didn't know if it would be Glee or the Damon Wayans thing or anything," she says. But when the little show about a bunch of high school outcasts breaking into song got picked up, Lynch says she was thrilled.

"I think (Glee) is just head and shoulders above anything that's on TV. I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it's really good."

The reason it's so good, she insists, has little to do with her (though many would argue that point). Lynch gives all the credit to her younger co-stars. "The kids are amazing," she gushes.

"These are talented people. They work so hard. I just sashay in and I sashay out. But they're recording and rehearsing and dancing and then shooting and getting up at five in the morning and working until 10 at night."

But it's more than worth it, she says. And if audiences liked the pilot, they're going to love what comes next. "The first episode I think is amazing," she says, "but it just gets better and better."

FRIDAY 8/21/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Coronatn	Jeopardy!	Quest for the West		Wild Roses (CC) (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Insider	THS Investigates (N) (CC)				20/20 (CC)		News
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Castle (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Unit "Bad Beat" (CC)		The Unit (CC)		NUMB3RS "The Fifth Man"		News
	256	389	12 VI	The Road to Avonlea		Supernanny "Kerns Family"		Monk (CC)		Stargate Atlantis		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker "Dustin and Ian"		Ugly Betty (CC)		Out There	Out There	The CityNews
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smallville "Eternal" (CC)		Hates Chris	The Game	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Medium (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		NUMB3RS "The Fifth Man"		KIRO News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Southland "Sally in the Ally"		Dateline NBC (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	41 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Supernanny "Kerns Family"		Ugly Betty (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	NFL Preseason Football		Cops (CC)	Malcolm-Mid.	King of Hill	Family Guy	News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Oakland Athletics. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football	CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at BC Lions. From BC Place Stadium in Vancouver.						SportsCentre	SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Big ★★★ (1988) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama		Batman Beyond: Return of the Joker (2000)		Batman
variety	268	354	5 KNO	No Price Too High		Poirot "The Lost Mine"		A Most Mysterious Murder		Carny ★★★ (2008, Documentary) (CC)		
	575	583	20 CMT	The Con ★★ (1998, Drama) Rebecca De Mornay, William H. Macy.					Candid C.	The Con ★★ (1998) Rebecca De Mornay.		
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds "The Fox"		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "L.D.S.K."		Criminal
	521	560	24 TLC	Making Over America		What Not to Wear "Disa"		Making Over America		What Not to Wear "Kelly"		Reception
	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		The Best Years		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
cable	294	650	57 TBS	(6:00) Mean Girls ★★★		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	The Upside of Anger ★★★ (2005) Joan Allen, Kevin Costner. (CC)				
	603	561	69 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:30) Mr. Bean's Holiday		Quarantine ★★ (2008) Jennifer Carpenter.			Resident Evil: Extinction ★★ (2007) (CC)			Pathology
	581	566	101 MTV	True Love	The X Effect	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	16 and Pregnant "Whitney"		True Love	The X Effect	Made (CC)

SATURDAY 8/22/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		Dragon's Den (CC)		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence "Cleaning Up"		News
	255	358	6 JOY	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Movie (CC)				News
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE (CC) (DVS)		Doomstown (2006) Chris "K.C." Collins, Mark Taylor. (CC)				Law & Order: SVU		News
	252	336	11 GTV	Healthy Ever After (N) (CC)		Doc (CC)		Doc "And Baby Makes Four"		Doc (CC)		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Jeff Ltd.	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Betraying Reason (2003, Drama) John Pyper-Ferguson.				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY "City of the Dolls"		Operation Smile		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Jamalot" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Without a Trace "True"		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News
	287	379	16 NBC	Seahawks	NFL Preseason Football Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks. (Live)						Seahawks	KING 5 News
	288	380	41 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Jim	War of the Worlds ★★★ (2005) (PA) Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning.					News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Princess Diana		Sat. Report	Our World	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Princess Diana		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLS Soccer Toronto FC at Club Deportivo Chivas USA.				Sportsnet	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		ATP Tennis: W&S Financial Group Masters				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life "Auto Racing"		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Tom and Jerry: Shiver Me Whiskers (2006)			Johnny Test	Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders A choir member is found dead. (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Blue Rodeo: Small Miracles		Lorenzo's Oil ★★★ (1992, Docudrama) Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon.				
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami "Going Ballistic"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	24 TLC	Moving Up (N) (CC)		Jon & Kate	18 Kids	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Moving Up (CC)		Lottery-Life
	616	522	39 SHO	(6:00) Legacy of Fear (2006)		Devil's Diary (2007) Deanna Casaluce, Alexz Johnson. (CC)				Trainspotting ★★★ (1996, Drama) (CC)		
cable	294	650	57 TBS	Meet the Parents ★★★ (2000) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	Mr. Deeds ★ (2002) Adam Sandler. (CC)		
	603	561	69 FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Scoop! (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		The Next Food Network Star		Nightmares
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:00) Becoming Jane ★★		The Wrestler ★★★ (2008) Mickey Rourke. Premiere. (CC)				The Hammer ★★ (2007) Adam Carolla.		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

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primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland "Ghost Horse"		Mission: Impossible III ★★★ (2006) Tom Cruise. (CC)				(:10) Mission: Impossible III		News
	255	358	6 JOY	Mysteries	Mysteries	Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		To Be Announced				News
	250	321	9 CTV	Merlin "To Kill the King" (N)		Merlin "Le Morte D'Arthur"		You Can Dance		Defying Gravity "Rubicon"		News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	Amer Dad	(:01) Big Brother 11 (N)		Family Guy	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Family Guy	News Final
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		Hole in the Wall (CC)		Hole in the Wall (CC)		Monk "Mr. Monk on Wheels"		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	TO Show	Less-Kind	Be a Millionaire		Miss Universe 2009 (Same-day Tape) (CC)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	(6:30) Reaper	The Silence of the Lambs ★★★★ (1991) Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins.					Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		(:01) Big Brother 11 (N)		Neighborhood		(9:59) Cold Case (CC)		News
	287	379	16 NBC	Merlin "To Kill the King" (N)		Merlin "Le Morte D'Arthur"		Miss Universe 2009 (Same-day Tape) (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	41 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank (N) (CC)		Defying Gravity "Rubicon"		News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Lady's Guide to Brothels Legalize brothels.			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		Lady's Guide to Brothels Legalize brothels.		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union		Union
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		UFC's Ultimate 100		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
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	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "Derailed"		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	24 TLC	World's Tallest Children		My Shocking Story (CC)		My Shocking Story (CC)		World's Tallest Children		Shocking
	616	522	39 SHO	The Guard (CC)		The Unquiet (2007) Cara Buono, Don S. Davis. (CC)				Rescue Me "David" (CC)		The Guard
cable	294	650	57 TBS	(:15) Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous ★★ (2005, Comedy) (PA)						(:45) Just Friends ★★ (2005) Ryan Reynolds. (CC)		
	603	561	69 FN	Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate		Food	Iron Chef America (CC)	Dinner
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:10) Boy A ★★★ (2007)		Nurse.Fighter.Boy (2008) Clark Johnson.				Savage Grace ★★ (2007) Julianne Moore.		Into the Wild
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV News

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Entertainment

Southern Vampires

True Blood is the TV equivalent of Twilight

Vampires are more in than ever: After the roaring success of the Twilight series, True Blood is having the same effect, only on the small screen.

The HBO series is based on The Southern Vampire Mysteries books, written by Charlaine Harris. She has already penned nine volumes on the series, which looks at the experiences and dark love of Sookie Stackhouse — played by Anna Paquin in the TV series.

Metro World News recently sat down with Harris to talk about the growing interests in TV and film vampires.

Anna Paquin stars as Sookie Stackhouse in HBO's True Blood.

Q You started the Sookie Stackhouse books back in 2001 before the big vampire craze. Why were you interested in vampires, and why have you dedicated a whole series to them?

A The series is actually about the young human woman who is dating a vampire. I thought that would be a more interesting approach. It seemed to be that it would be interesting to write about characters who are so different from humans, who have seen so much history.

Q Why do you think the topic of vampires became so popular so sudden?

A I am sure the Twilight series had something to do with it, but actually this has been building for the past ten years or so.

Q You write other series also featuring girls with superpowers. What interests you in these characters?

A I don't really think of them as having superpowers; they have more like a disability. Sookie is telepathic, and that is a great burden. Harper had to be struck by lightning before she became able to find corpses. Though she makes her living doing that, it's not a pleasant way of life.

Q What makes a good book for you? What do you like to read in your free time?

A I love to be engrossed in the story the writer is telling. I love to read, and I read many, many writers. I read some mystery, I read some science fiction, I read a little romance and a little non-fiction.

Q How would your ideal vampire look like? What attracts people in vampires?

A I don't have an ideal vampire. I think people are fascinated by the eternal vigour of vampires, who don't age.

Q How much do you read weekly? Where is your ideal reading spot?

A I read three or four books a week. I can read anywhere, but I have a comfortable chair in our bedroom and one in our family room; both of these are good for reading.

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THE SHOELACES: These called my name from a mile away. They made me rediscover colour.

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

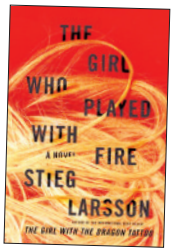
1 Inglourious Basterds

FILM There are plenty of good summer movies in theatres right now. But are you going to sit out the opportunity to watch Brad Pitt and his gang of Basterds hunt for "Nazi scalps" in a Quentin Tarantino Second World War fantasy? Really? We didn't think so.

2 Top Chef Las Vegas

TV It's season 6 of Bravo's reality cookoff, and 17 new "cheftestants" are trying their culinary skills (and luck) in Sin City. Plenty of kitchen drama, some mouth-watering food and gorgeous host Padma Lakshmi make this show a cut above the rest.

3 The Girl Who Played With Fire: Stieg Larsson



BOOK Investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist and cyberpunk anti-heroine Lisbeth Salander are back in this sequel to The Girl with The Dragon Tattoo, the novel that put the late Swedish author on top of the contemporary thriller pile. The new instalment is already burning up charts around the world (including Canada) and rumour has it that George Clooney, Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt are all interested in playing Blomkvist on film.

4 Imperial Blaze: Sean Paul

ALBUM It's never too late for a summer block party and Sean Paul's fourth album can even get your mom dancing on the streets. The reggae-dancehall star serves up plenty of juice here — So Fine and Press It Up are standouts but any of the 20 tracks will do the trick. Just push play and get burnin'.

5 Rudo y Cursi

DVD Gael Garcia Bernal and Diego Luna — two of the hottest global stars — team up with Y Tu Mama Tambien writer Carlos Cuaron for this tragicomic romp through the world of fame and soccer. It may not reach the heights of Tambien (already a foreign cinema classic), but the improvisational thespianism of Bernal and Luna is as good as movies get.

6 Batman: Arkham Asylum

GAME Finally a Batman title that's supposed to do for gaming what The Dark Knight did for Batman films — take the franchise to a new level of artistic sophistication. Here, the caped crusader takes on a whole bunch of psychotic supervillains, including The Joker and The Riddler, running amok inside the titular asylum.

7 United Breaks Guitars: Song 2

VIDEO The Dave Carroll recipe for success: Write a song about how United Airlines broke your guitar. Post the video. Repeat, if desired, for best results. The Halifax musician has returned with another instalment of his viral video — this time with bigger and better production. The original clip has been viewed almost five million times on YouTube.

Mix of Six

Fear Flicks (A Night of Fright)

When: Friday, 7-11 p.m.
Where: Telus World of Science

Science World After Dark is showing the zombie flick Shaun of the Dead as part of SCREAM! featuring Goose Bumps: the Science of Fear. Tix: $19.75, 19+. Info: scienceworld.ca.

Laser Shows

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: H.R. MacMillan Space Centre

Watch your favorite bands with dazzling visual effects in the Planetarium Star Theatre. Laser Coldplay is on at 8:15 p.m., followed by Laser Radiohead. Tix: $10.75. Info: hrmacmillanspacecentre.com.

The Fair at the PNE

When: Opens Saturday
Where: Pacific National Exhibition

The 17-day end-of-summer tradition is back for its 99th year. It includes more than 800 performances and exhibits and tons of rides and attractions. Info: pne.ca.

Altar Boys

When: Held over until Aug. 29
Where: Granville Island Stage

This irreverent musical-comedy will wash your soul clean with laughter as the Boyz praise the Lord with funk and rhyme. Info: artsclub.com.

FemSport Street Party

When: Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Where: 900 Block Hamilton Street (Yaletown)

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Katy's bosom buddy?
Katy Perry's womanly charms have helped raise $3,000 US for a cancer charity — a generous fan has snapped up a plaster cast of the singer's breasts at an auction, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Jesus cries if he wants to at Madge's party

HEARTBREAKER Madonna made her model boyfriend cry when she refused to wear jewelry he bought her for her birthday, female-first.co.uk reports.

Jesus Luz, 22, gave the singer a set of South American good-luck bracelets, made of thin ribbons which are said to grant the wearer three wishes when they break, at her 51st birthday party on Sunday.

Madonna smiled when she opened the present, but was quick to tell Luz she couldn't wear it, leaving him in tears.

A source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Madonna said that although she loved the bracelets she wouldn't wear them because they clashed with her Kabbalah bracelets.

"Jesus was crestfallen and he had words with her."

Later the same night, Madonna praised her lover in a speech at the party before running across the room to passionately kiss him. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Céline's second test-tube baby

PREGNANCY Céline Dion, now expecting her second child, is "very excited," said her doctor, Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, who performed the in vitro fertilization procedure that made the 41-year-old singer's pregnancy possible, people.com reports.

When he called her earlier this week to say the pregnancy test was positive, "You could hear her chuckling," he said. "She was very happy. So was (husband René Angélil). They are both very thankful."

Rosenwaks implanted an embryo that had been kept frozen in liquid nitrogen for the past eight years.

Dion had her embryos frozen when she went through IVF while trying to conceive her first child, René-Charles, who was born in 2001. When she completed her performance run in Las Vegas in 2007, "she came back to have the embryos transferred back because she wanted to have another baby," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sting sex rumour a fake: Daughter

TOO MUCH INFORMATION Sting's daughter Coco Sumner wants everyone to know that the legends about her dad's bedroom prowess — rumoured eight-hour bedroom sessions thanks to tantric sex — are completely false. "Bob Geldof made up this thing and it stuck," she told Love magazine.

"It's embarrassing when people bring it up ... They love each other. So what?" METRO WORLD NEWS

GETTY IMAGES

Robert denies single quotes

WAIT A MINUTE Robert Pattinson has fired back at tabloid reports he's single and looking for love, insisting he never spoke to the paper that quoted him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Britain's The Mirror quoted Pattinson as stating, "I don't have a girlfriend. I don't know why. You always think you're going to get more girls after you've made a movie and it never happens."

But he insists he never spoke to the tabloid. His publicist said, "Robert did not speak to the Mirror, and their claim that they spoke to him a few days ago is manufactured along with any information that they claim to have as an exclusive directly from him."

The actor has constantly denied reports he is secretly dating Twilight co-star Kristen Stewart. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Fans freak me out: Kristen

RABID TEEN FANS Kristen Stewart admits she's completely freaked out by her obsessive fans.

"I'm scared. I feel like I could go out in disguise but they would still recognize my feet or the shape of my leg," the actress said, according to Hollyscoop. "They'd say, 'Hey, she looks about right.' And they would just bag me. It's scary."

And Stewart admits she's not adapting to fame all that easily. "I can't remember what my normal life is like," she said.

"Because of Internet stuff and Twitter, there will be a crowd if you are in a place for more than half an hour. I've learned never to stay in the same place for more than 20 minutes." METRO WORLD NEWS

George faces off with Bill O'Reilly

ARGUMENT George Clooney's feud with Bill O'Reilly, dating back to disagreements over 9-11, is fired up again after the Fox News host questioned whether paparazzi shots reportedly taken of a topless teen girl at the actor's Italian villa home exist, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Clooney said he plans to sue the photographer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

ADVERTISING FEATURE

One Foxx, no socks

Hollywood "it" girl Sheeza Foxx proved she's more than just a pretty face during a recent visit to PlayNow.com. "She showed mad skills at the table," said smitten Pacific Hold'em dealer P.J. "That Foxx could definitely bluff me out of my socks!" Yikes, better hope the girl has a foot fetish!

Disclaimer: All names are the products of the author's imagination. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is entirely coincidental.

Future mom a virtual stranger?

OUCH Jude Law doesn't even remember the mother-to-be of his fourth child, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

A friend of Samantha Burke — who is pregnant with the star's baby — claims she hasn't seen or been in personal contact with the actor after their brief fling. The unnamed pal told E! Online: "Jude didn't even remember her. She hasn't seen him since New York. They've only been in contact through their lawyers."

The friend also said she believes Burke is "crazy" to go through with the pregnancy. Burke recently denied she is a "gold digger" who is only after Law's money.

The model wrote on her blog: "When I found out I was pregnant, I was scared. I didn't jump for joy because I 'hit the jackpot' — I cried." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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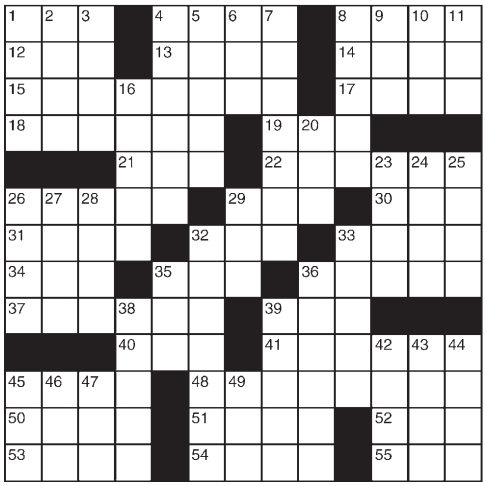

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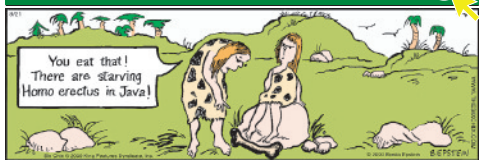

Metro Recipe of the Day

Pork with Watermelon Salsa

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (250 ml) seeded chopped watermelon
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped strawberries
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped kiwi
1/4 cup chopped peaches
3 tbsp (45 ml) lime juice
4 tsp (20 ml) honey
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lime peel
1 to 2 mint leaves, chopped
1/2 cup (125 ml) peach preserves
3 pork tenderloins (3/4 lb/375 g each)

METHOD:

1. Coat barbecue rack or grill pan rack with nonstick cooking spray before starting. Prepare barbecue for indirect heat, using a drip pan. Salsa: in a small bowl, combine the fruit, lime juice, honey, lime peel and mint; set aside. In a pot, heat the preserves for 1 minute.
2. Grill pork, covered, over indirect medium-hot heat for 15 minutes. Turn; brush with some of the preserves. Grill 10-15 minutes longer or until juices run clear and a meat thermometer reads 160 F (71 C), basting occasionally with preserves. Serve with salsa.

SERVES 6

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This could be an emotional day, if not for you personally then certainly for someone you are close to.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't let your responsibilities weigh you down. You may have no choice but to work hard and help other people but you must also do things for yourself.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
It's not often you give in to despair but the cosmic picture warns you are too involved in the negative side of what's going on.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are not responsible for other people's woes and you may need to remind yourself of that fact today.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may be in two minds about which way to move today, but who says you have to move at all?

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Not everyone has your level of common sense and someone, a friend or a family member, will do something rather silly today.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The planets warn that if you try to push an issue today you will lose out in a big way. Everything that is meant to happen will happen at the proper time.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
No matter where you may be and no matter what you may be doing you must think positive.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you make a mistake you must put it right the first chance you get. It may not be in your nature to go round saying sorry but this time you must.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
By all means make plans but be ready to change them at a moment's notice if a shift in your circumstances calls for it.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be careful what you say today because with Mercury, planet of communication, aspecting Uranus, planet of surprises, others may try to twist your words.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may not want to give any clues about what you are up to but if you clam up completely others may start to wonder what you've got to hide.

This day in history

AUG. 21, 1888: The first successful adding machine in the United States is patented by William Seward Burroughs.
AUG. 21, 1959: U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union. Hawaii's admission is currently commemorated by Hawaii Admission Day
AUG. 21, 2001: NATO decides to send a peace-keeping force to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
AUG. 21, 2007: Hurricane Dean makes its first landfall in Costa Maya, Mexico with winds at 165 mph (266 km/h). Dean is the first storm since Hurricane Andrew to make landfall as a Category 5.

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2. Cold, windswept mountaintop (1)
3. Cash from a beehive product (2)
4. Bile-secreting organ donor (2)
5. Harmful pests on a furrier's fur (2)
6. Lipitor company's Old Faithfuls (2)
7. Personal view or mindset leeway (3)

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ANSWERS
1. CREST TEST 2. BLEAK PEAK 3. HONEY MONEY 4. LIVER GIVER
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